

Application No. 10/536,974
AMENDMENT of November 23, 2009
Reply to Office Action of June 23, 2009

REMARKS

The Applicants respond under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 to the Office Action of June 23, 2009.

Claims 1 through 38 are pending in the application. Claims 4, 10, and 15 through 38 are canceled. Claims 1 and 9 are amended. No new matter is added. No additional fee is due for claims.

1. Restriction Requirement

The Applicants note that their Response to Restriction Requirement of May 21, 2009, was elected with traverse. The Applicants understand the Examiner's decision to maintain the restriction requirement to be "final." Therefore, the Applicants cancel the non-elected claims to place the application in condition for allowance.

2. Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1 through 3, 5 through 7, and 11 through 13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,240,144 to Feldman. The Examiner states that claims 4, 8, 10, and 14 contain allowable subject matter.

This amendment incorporates the provisions of allowable claim 4 into independent claim 1 and allowable claim 10 into independent claim 9. Therefore, claims 1 through 3, 5 through 9, and 11 through 14 are allowable.

The Applicants may prosecute the scope of original claims 1 and 9 as well as the non-elected claims in future continuing or divisional applications.

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3. Conclusion

The application is believed to be in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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